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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following document for the Examiner's consideration:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a German Search Report dated February 15, 2000 conducted in German Patent Application No. 199 15 722.7, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the German Examiner cited:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 4, 472,086 issued September 18, 1984 to LEACH as an "A" category document (i.e., a document relevant to the technological background of the invention) and as a "D" category document (i.e., a document discussed in the present application);

(2) German Patent No. 196 52 584 A1 published June 18, 1998 as an "A" category document;

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(3) U.S. Patent No. 4,433,493 issued February 28, 1984 to POISSON as an "A" category document; and

(4) European Patent No. 0 791 673 A2 published August 27, 1997 as an "A" category document.

Please note that (1) and (2) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that filed April 14, 2002; therefore no copies are being provided. However, (3) and (4) are enclosed with a copy the German Office Action and a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the date of filing, Applicant has not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if a first action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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